

## Engage with Geneva (and surrounding communities) \*

Visit or Contact CCESL with questions or for additional information on these opportunities. Learn more about the community before you visit by exploring <https://www.actrochester.org/report-cards/ontario/> and [www.geneva2020.org](http://www.geneva2020.org)

### CATEGORY- YOUTH

**America Reads or HWS Tutor Corps:** Elementary literacy at one of six local sites. Service-learning students are *eligible to be paid if Federal work-study eligible* and transportation is provided (clearly indicate availability and you will be placed accordingly early a.m. or afterschool site) [https://www.hws.edu/academics/service/volunteer\\_opportunities.aspx](https://www.hws.edu/academics/service/volunteer_opportunities.aspx)

**Big Brothers Big Sister** – Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. The organization has been a leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. Application process takes a month, and commitment to child is weekly for at least one year (ideally longer). It's very helpful if prospective Bigs have access to their own transportation <https://beabig.org/>

**Geneva Child and Family Resource Center:** This agency offers *parenting education and support*, especially for families with children 0-8 years old as well as early childhood education programs. The reading program at WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) meets at the Presbyterian Church and the Baby College meets at The Geneva Community Center. <https://cfr.clubexpress.com/>

**Lakefront Childcare Center:** This Center serves children ages *6 weeks through 12 years*. M-F 6:30 am – 12:30 pm and 3:00 - 5:45 pm (in walking distance to campus, near the Ice Rink) <https://www.glcc.care/>

**Children's Hour** is a private Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade school. Volunteers assist teachers with classroom activities and small group learning. 90 Lewis Street, near downtown Geneva <http://genevachildrenshours.org/>

**HWS Tutor Corps: HWS Tutor Corps:** The Clubs serve as a social/recreational/educational after-school program for *children* in grades 1-8. Tutors assist children with homework, basic literacy and math skills during Power Hour then enjoy some time getting to know students better in the Art or Games Room or Gym. Mon-Thurs. 3-5pm. CCESL Civic Leaders help facilitate the application + placement process as well as set up carpool schedules to the Goodman Street site (1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade) and the Community Center / Carter Road Club (5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade) <https://bgcgeneva.org/> / Applications due through HWS Interfolio and background check (completed at training) required before start date. <https://apply.interfolio.com/50487>

**Neighbors Night:** A program sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church for elementary aged school children. There is a religiously affiliated program, craft/activity, and dinner. Need not worry about religious/non-religious affiliation to serve, all are welcome! Wednesdays 4:30-7:30pm / <https://stpetersgeneva.org/outreach/neighbors-night/>

**Cooking Matters:** Working in partnership with Eat Smart NY, teach children about healthy cooking habits. Orientation Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. and then commitment is on Tuesdays: 5-7 pm, October 1,8,15,22,29, Nov 5 <https://stpetersgeneva.org/outreach/cooking-matters/>

**Geneva City School District:** West Street School PAWS Night is an afterschool program for students and families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. PAWS Night activities focus on health and wellness, academic and technology connections, family connections and homework support. Sign up for one night or multiple (lacrosse, cooking, etc.)

**Cozy Days Pre-School @ Zion Lutheran Church:** Pre-School for 3 and 4 year old children offering a Christian environment in a pleasant, cozy setting. Weekdays 8:15 a.m.-12p.m. <https://sites.google.com/site/zionlutherangeneva/cozy-days>

**Geneva ABCD and Geneva Head Start:** a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children + their families. Mon. through Friday 9:30-11:30 or 1pm -3pm / or sign up to read to a classroom one time (extensive paperwork required for placement, transportation can be coordinated with other students)

### **CATEGORY – ADOLESCENTS**

**Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center:** The Finger Lakes Technical and Career Center (FLTCC) offers state of the art programs to over 1000 students from 14 school districts in Ontario, Seneca, and Yates County. By utilizing a hands on approach, FLTCC students are taught the skills needed in their transition to the workplace, college or military. Weekdays 8am-3pm <https://www.wflboces.org/finger-lakes-technical-and-career-center>

**Geneva Community Center:** *The Teen Center* is located at the Geneva Community Center and is open M-F from 3pm-7pm. Dinner program is evenings and volunteers are needed. tutoring/homework help. See HWS Tutor Corps for application information. [https://www.hws.edu/academics/service/volunteer\\_opportunities.aspx](https://www.hws.edu/academics/service/volunteer_opportunities.aspx)

**Epic Zone** believes all youth require opportunities to gain experiences as well as have access to other trusted adults to help them build and acquire healthy behavior Walkable location to campus, weekly after-school commitment 3:30-5ish (play video games, practice yoga, develop a program, etc.) <http://ezgeneva.org/>

**Recreation:** Geneva YMCA often hosts gymnastics, basketball, lacrosse, clinics and has a swim team. The Geneva Recreation Department hosts an indoor rink for ice skating and youth hockey leagues. Inquire for additional info.

### **CATEGORY-EMERGENCY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Geneva Coalition Food Pantry and Center of Concern:** Volunteers needed to help unload food trucks, stock or organize shelves and assist customers with their food needs, sort donated goods and fold 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothing & donations. Weekdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sat. 12-12:30 <https://genevacenterofconcern.wordpress.com/>

**Geneva Community Lunch Program:** A *soup kitchen*, volunteers will help cook & serve (and clean up after) a full course, hot, nutritious meal. Volunteers are also encouraged to eat lunch and interact with the guests. The kitchen serves anywhere from 30-85 people a day. Located at the United Methodist Church / walkable / Weekdays 9:30 a.m. -1pm. HWS specifically coordinates volunteers on Thursdays in October and February. <https://www.catholiccharitiesfl.org/services/lunch-program/>

### **CATEGORY-PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Lochland School:** Private residential school for *developmentally disabled adults*. Volunteers needed to assist with their Day Program helping with art, music, reading, games, etc. with the residents. Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. <http://www.lochlandinc.org/>

**Ontario ARC Geneva Senior Center:** Students paired with adults with *moderate to significant disabilities*. Students will be responsible for meeting weekly with senior center participants, and coordinate with staff, as appropriate. Students should coordinate with the staff and individuals to plan and develop ongoing projects and activities to engage in while at the center. Availability: Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Although 11:30-12:30 will be lunch prep and potentially not as interactive) <https://ontarioarc.org/>

### **CATEGORY-OTHER**

**Geneva Housing Authority:** A Public Housing Agency that also provides supportive services to residents of all ages. Students needed to staff a computer room for senior citizens Weekdays and office help in the main office, M-F 8:30 – 4:30. <https://genevahousingauthority.com/>

#### **Animals:**

- **Beverly Animal Shelter:** Founded in 1950, this “no kill” *animal shelter* utilizes local vets for medical care and advice for its animals. We do not euthanize an animal to make space, nor do we pick or choose "optimal" animals to take in. They don't take many volunteers, and ideally volunteers have had previous experience at an animal shelter <http://beverlyanimalshelter.com/>
- **Yates and Ontario County Humane Societies** (location in Penn Yan and Canandaigua) see Katie for details

**Court Watch:** Court Watch provide an impartial assessment of local courts' operations and advocate for a fair and equitable justice system. Students would attend an hour long training scheduled during the first few weeks of classes, attend 3 meetings 1:15-2:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Presbyterian Church and attend (Town Court on Pre-Emption Rd Mondays @ 6pm or Wednesdays 10am OR City Court 8:30-12:30 Monday through Thurs at Geneva Police Dept / Public Safety Building). Would need to contribute to submission of “Eye of the Courts” which is a periodic report. . <http://geneva.ny.lwvnet.org/courtwatchers.html>

#### **AGING**

**The Living Centers –Finger Lakes Health** (*formerly Geneva Nursing Home*): (South) Transitional Care Program, which allows patients the opportunity to recuperate and recover in a supervised medical setting following hip/knee replacements, fractured bones, amputations, or extended medical hospitalizations for pneumonia, congestive heart failure or heart ailments. (North) Life Enrichment Program is a comprehensive therapeutic activity program for residents with a history or diagnosis of dementia, associated depression, or who may demonstrate behaviors that are difficult to manage. <https://www.flhealth.org/services/rehab-senior-services/senior-services/>

**Seneca Lake Terrace:** Private senior assisted living. Students needed to coordinate and facilitate activities (bingo, reading, etc.) for residents. M-F 8 am to 4:30 pm. Weekends also a possibility although limited staff is present so students need to be able to demonstrate initiative. There is a memory care unit for students that have familiarity and interest in working with residents with Alzheimer's disease <https://www.pslgroupllc.com/seneca-lake-terrace/>

**Hospice House** is a two-bedroom, not-for-profit comfort care home for those within the last few months of life. Staff and trained volunteers provide compassionate care in a home setting for these people. Volunteering at Hospice House does not require any medical training prior and is a great way for students interested in public health, EMT, the medical field, social work, and many other disciplines to get a first look at the different roles present in the medical field <https://hospicehouse.org> Transportation required, 40 minute drive from campus

#### **HOMELESSNESS**

**Family Promise of Ontario County** is a faith-based network helping families in Ontario County become sustainably independent through the coordination of efforts of faith communities, volunteer organizations, and existing social service agencies. Four of the fourteen county wide “hosts” are located in Geneva, and the families stay for one week at a time at each of the fourteen sites. The day center, where families attend during the day to receive additional supports, is in Canandaigua (about 25 minutes west). A three-hour training is required before students can volunteer to prepare/serve meals, play with children or stay overnight. Volunteers work in pairs, so you will never be the only volunteer on your shift. <https://www.familypromiseontariocounty.org/>

\*this list is not all inclusive, contact CCESL with specific questions or ideas for collaboration. Join a campus club that is a local chapter of a national non-profit (Habitat for Humanity or Roteract), go on an Alternative Spring Break trip to NC or VA, or live in a theme house connected to a social justice issue!